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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), transmitted herewith for filing UNDER SMALL ENTITY STATUS is the patent application of

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Title: "PERCUTANEOUS SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS USING THE SAME"

Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119) is made, based upon:

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Enclosed herewith are:

- [X] Specification (Description, Claims, Abstract): Pages 1 - 19 ; Number of claims 1 - 20
- [X] Declaration and Power of Attorney [X] executed; [] unexecuted (supplied for information purposes)
- [X] 6 Sheets of drawings, Figures 1 - 18 [X] Formal [] Informal
- [] Assignment and "Patents" Recordation Form Cover Sheet (PTO-1595) AND \$40. RECORDATION FEE.
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